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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 121 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/56/734 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 60th meeting, on 17 June 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/56/SR.60).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85

3. At the 60th meeting, on 17 June, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Action taken on certain items" (A/C.5/56/L.85).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Action taken on certain items

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-seventh session consideration of the following agenda items and related questions:

Item 121
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Item 126
Human resources management

(a) Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities (A/56/839);

Item 123
Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals on strengthening the Department of Public Information to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages (sect. 26 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on expenditures, grants and contributions (sect. 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003);

Item 124
Pattern of conferences

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of recruitment for the Interpretation Section at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/901);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the simultaneous availability of parliamentary documentation in all six official languages on the United Nations web site (A/C.5/56/37);

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(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/56/L.7);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules (A/56/227);

(i) Note by the Secretariat on the streamlining of rules (A/C.5/56/3);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on the employment of retirees (A/55/451);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on consultants and individual contractors (A/56/834);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on a monitoring capacity in the Office for Human Resources Management of all relevant activities in the Secretariat, regardless of the source of funding;

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the issue of possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement (A/56/956);

Item 130
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated version (A/55/826 and Corr.1);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes, updated views (A/56/823);

(p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (A/56/83);

(q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of misconduct and mismanagement of the "boat project" at the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (A/56/689);

(r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the administrative and management practices of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/56/620);

(s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of refugee smuggling at the Nairobi Branch Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/733);

(t) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees private sector fund-raising activities (A/56/759);

(u) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the update of oversight activities concerning the oil-for-food programme and the United Nations Compensation Commission (A/56/903);

Item 133
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/56/732);

(w) Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping (A/56/863);

(x) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/56/202);

(y) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates (A/56/648);

(z) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the update on the status of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations (A/56/896);

(aa) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

(bb) Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations (A/55/697);

(cc) Note by the Secretary-General on the progress report on the processing of claims for equipment contributed and self-sustainment undertaken in peacekeeping missions (A/C.5/56/44);

(dd) Report of the Secretary-General on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/56/939);

(ee) Report of the Secretary-General on the practical aspects of the wet-lease, dry-lease and self-sustainment arrangements;

(ff) Report of the Secretary-General on a methodology for reimbursement of troop costs and on the implementation of the standards set out in the contingent-owned manual;

(gg) Annual report of the Secretary-General on the status of all death and disability claims (A/C.5/56/41);

Item 169
Administration of justice at the United Nations

(hh) Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/56/800).